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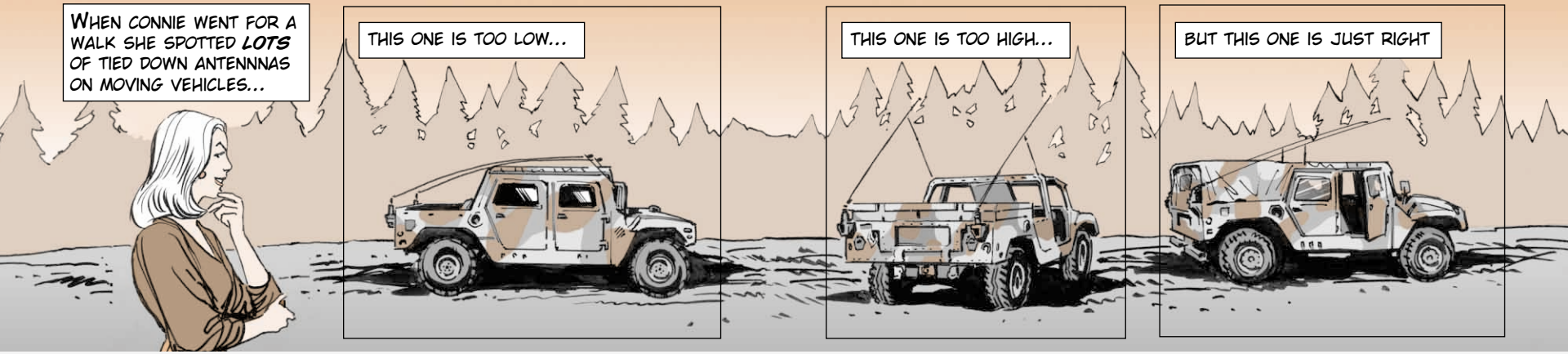

Hey, vehicle operators, some safety people are not too happy with some of you. Seems they've spotted a whole lot of vehicular antennas waving in the wind as you cruise around post. Tying down your antennas to keep them from striking a power line or an overhead bridge is the only safe way to go.

The maintenance folks are not too happy with some of you, either. Seems they have spotted a whole lot of vehicular antennas tied down while the vehicle is parked overnight in the motor pool. That unnecessary stress on the base spring weakens it. Also, an upright antenna keeps the base spring coils close together, which helps keep out moisture and dirt.

When safety calls for your antenna to be tied down, do it right.

Tie down the antenna at a 45°-60° angle to the ground. That's low enough to avoid collisions with most overhead obstacles, but not so low that you risk cracking antenna sections or the base.

Attach the antenna clip midway between the tip and the base. Too far forward and you'll bow the antenna. Too far back and you won't get the right angle.

If your vehicle has more than one antenna, tie them down alongside the vehicle. Never cross them. If you do, the transmitting antenna will feed its signal to the one it's touching. You'll get interference and maybe even do damage to your radio's circuits.

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